

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—On behalf of my constituency, I greatly appreciate the generosity on the part of the Government.

Motion put and carried.

10. 6—Stamps—Cranganur—Rs. 150.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under 6-Stamps-Cranganur. The amount that is really due from Cranganur to the State accounts on account of these stamps amounts to Rs. 1,247. There is only a budget provision of Rs. 1,100. Consequently an additional allotment of Rs. 150 is required for the purpose. I request that the House will be pleased to vote this amount.

Motion put and carried.

11. 8—Anchal—Cranganur—Rs. 70.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 70 under 8-Anchal--Cranganur. This is also necessitated by the same reasons as explained under the head 6-stamps. The budget provision is only Rs. 400 and the actuals have come to Rs. 469-11-0. Therefore an additional allotment of Rs. 70 will be required for the purpose. I request that this may be voted by the House.

Motion put and carried.

12. 10—Law and Justice—B—Civil Court charges

(b) Establishment—Cranganur—Rs. 325.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for Rs. 325 under 10—Law and Justice—B—Civil Court charges—(b) Establishment—Cranganur. In the Cranganur Budget the provision under this head is Rs. 7,553. The amount that will be required under the revised estimate is in excess of this by about Rs. 325 and this is so because some of the arrear bills and leave allowance of last year could not be paid then. I request that this amount may be voted by the House.

Motion put and carried.

13. 20—Miscellaneous—Cranganur—Rs. 24.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 24 under 20—Miscellaneous—Cranganur. For reasons already explained by me before, a special allowance of Rs. 24 has to be paid to the Compounder at Cranganur. I request that the Council may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Motion put and carried.

**14. 22 (a)—Purchase of Stationery Articles—
Cranganur—Rs. 252—0—1.**

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote a supplementary grant of Rs. 252—0—1 under 22 (a)—Purchase of

Stationery Articles—Cranganur. The practice is that all the articles of stationery necessary for Cranganur are supplied from the Central Stationery Office at Ernakulam. A certain provision is made in the budget and about the end of the year or the last quarter of the year, the actual cost is ascertained from the Superintendent of Stamps and a request is made and often times it is found that the amount provided for in the budget is not quite sufficient to adjust the accounts. In 1105 there was an excess expenditure of Rs. 154—1—1. Intimation about that was given when this House was sitting for the budget session. So no request could be made at that time. The excess in 1105 was Rs. 97—15—0. So the additional expenditure of 1105 and the additional expenditure of 1106 are covered by the supplementary grant of Rs. 252—0—1, that I am requesting this House to vote.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 252-0-1 for 22 (a)—Purchase of Stationery Articles—Cranganur—by Rs. 154-1-1.*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I have moved for the reduction of Rs. 154—1—1 just to bring to the consideration of this House the belated nature of the grant. Ideally we, on this side of the House, hold that the Government should foresee all contingencies at the time of presenting the budget in the beginning of the year. This Rs. 154—1—1 is stated to be for stationery articles supplied for 1105. We hold that while for the budget for 1105 was presented this contingency should have been foreseen. Anyway emergencies arise and the Government had ample opportunities before this to make a demand for this grant. If supplementary grants are made so late and if the House is to vote for it, I am of opinion that the House will be losing its control over the distribution of public money. The supplementary grants made in 1105 and 1106 up to this do not include this item and I request the Government to give me the explanation necessary. I move just to safeguard the rights of this House, to reduce the demand by Rs. 154—1—1.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I may say a word of explanation. It is true that a part of this amount had to be spent on account of excess articles that had to be issued in 1105. But to say that there has been considerable delay in bringing this demand is not quite correct. Because even if the excess demand for 1105 is met from this year's allotment it is quite likely that this year there may be sufficient funds to meet the cost of the articles of this year also. In other words, we would know in these matters where we are exactly only at the close of the year. We thought it would be rather premature if we came earlier with a demand on this item and give the reasons as has been

given now. For, it may be then open to the objection that there is still a few months more and who knows whether the budget provision for this year may not be sufficient to meet the last year's extra purchase and the present year's demands. Therefore it was thought that it may be much better to wait till about the close of the year, when the actuals can be worked out. This is the reason why this was not preferred in Kumbham or Meenam. There has not been thus any delay on this account.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is the use of asking the House to vote for the amount after spending the money?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This is money still to be spent. The articles issued last year could not be paid for in that year and they were paid this year. It is a running account. And you pay and receive amounts every now and then. I cannot say that we have already spent this amount. This amount would be required before final adjustment.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The matter was brought to the notice of the Government in 1105. If the matter was brought to Government's notice as early as Karkadagam 1105, there is no reason why this has not been brought before this House.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret the Member has not understood me. The wish of the Government was that out of the current year's allotment this amount may also be possible to be paid. If that was not possible, then we thought we shall come forward for an additional allotment. And we could know this only very late in this year.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I perfectly understood the Hon'ble Member. If we rely on this year's provision I may say that a deficit like this is likely to result every year in the case of Cranganur. The Government could very well have foreseen that. Now, it is only after our experience of the current year that we can say whether there is excess or deficit. The invariable experience of the previous years, at least for the last two years, should have made the Government foresee the contingency.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A lump provision is made for Cranganur. They do not purchase the articles. We supply the necessary articles from Ernakulam and about the end of the year we make a calculation. If there is an excess they suffer a deficit. Generally a rough calculation is made. So far as 1105 there was a deficit. It was thought that the amount could be met from the 1106 provision. Generally these calculations are made in the end of the year. It is merely a matter of book adjustment, no spending of money, nothing of the kind. The value of the articles will be replaced. There will be some additional work. All these things cannot be calculated with mathematical accuracy. Ideals are always good, but in this work-a-day world these ideals are unworkable. The intimation

of the deficit of 1105 was received only on the 9th of July and it was not possible to bring a demand then. The calculation was made only in Karkadagam. In 1106 we wanted to make sure what the allotment in 1106 would be as well as the deficit in 1105. The exact figures could not be got as observed by the Secretary to the Diwan. We could not fix exactly what the additional allotment required for 1105 and 1106 in Kumbham and Meenam. It is only towards the close of the year that we can arrive at exact figures. We have come forward in a straightforward manner to make the supplementary grant. It could have been done in 1105. But that was prepared only on 25th July. This year we got a little early. We could make adjustment for both the estimates. No spending of money. It is a mere matter of book adjustment. Last year there was not sufficient time. It is very simple.

Mr. K. Ayyappan—May I know whether last year's expenses can be met from this year's budget?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be done with the sanction of the Diwan.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Then it must be a statement.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that the amount is still required for payment till the end of Karkadagam 1106. We had an allotment of Rs. 600. We want some more money this year. That is because of some items which had to be adjusted this year.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I support the Government motion. We find in the Administration Reports that the Cranganur finances are in a very precarious condition. Receipts hardly suffice to meet the expenses under various heads. I have been noticing that it has been the policy of the Government to estimate for the lowest figures possible. The motion relates to a mere question of adjustment. Government have already incurred this expenditure and it is only a question of appropriating so much money out of the Cranganur funds into our funds. I do not think there has been any great delay in this matter, and I would on these grounds support this motion.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether there was anything wrong or objectionable to consider it in the Vrischigam session?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was only Vrischigam. We were not in a position to know the exact amount that will be necessary. Since there was a budget provision of Rs. 600 in the current year's budget it was thought that there was no necessity to go in for an additional grant.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—That six hundred was for 1106.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—This is payment to be made in 1106.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—It was a payment made in 1105.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was a liability of 1105.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—1105 and 1106 are two distinct years. Whether there was anything objectionable to come before the House with the liability incurred in 1105 early in 1106?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It could not have been done satisfactorily. We could not arrive at the amount satisfactorily.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Why did not you ask the amount in 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Probably there was an expectation that there would be some reduction in the current year. We could not take the whole of Rs. 154 from this year's allotment.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Last year it was a deficit. Suppose this year it is a saving.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If the amount of Rs. 154 was paid from this year's allotment, the House could not have known anything about it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So the delay in coming forward will necessarily lead to the result that it would have been spent without the knowledge of the House.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Only the sum of Rs. 600 would have been spent. That charge will apply not to this particular item because the House does not know the details of all the items.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—We ought to know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I withdraw the motion.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

Supplementary grant put and carried.

Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I beg to move that the Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill be referred to a fresh Select Committee and in doing so I propose the following gentlemen to be the members of that Committee :—Messrs. P. I. Varugis, A. Sankara Menon, T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, K. Mohamed Seethi, K. Ayyappan, K. T. Mathew, C. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Kunhunni Nayar, P. Raman Menon and the Government Advocate.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—I nominate Mr. P. I. Varugis as the Chairman. The Committee is to report within six months.